Classic Tales
Pinocchio



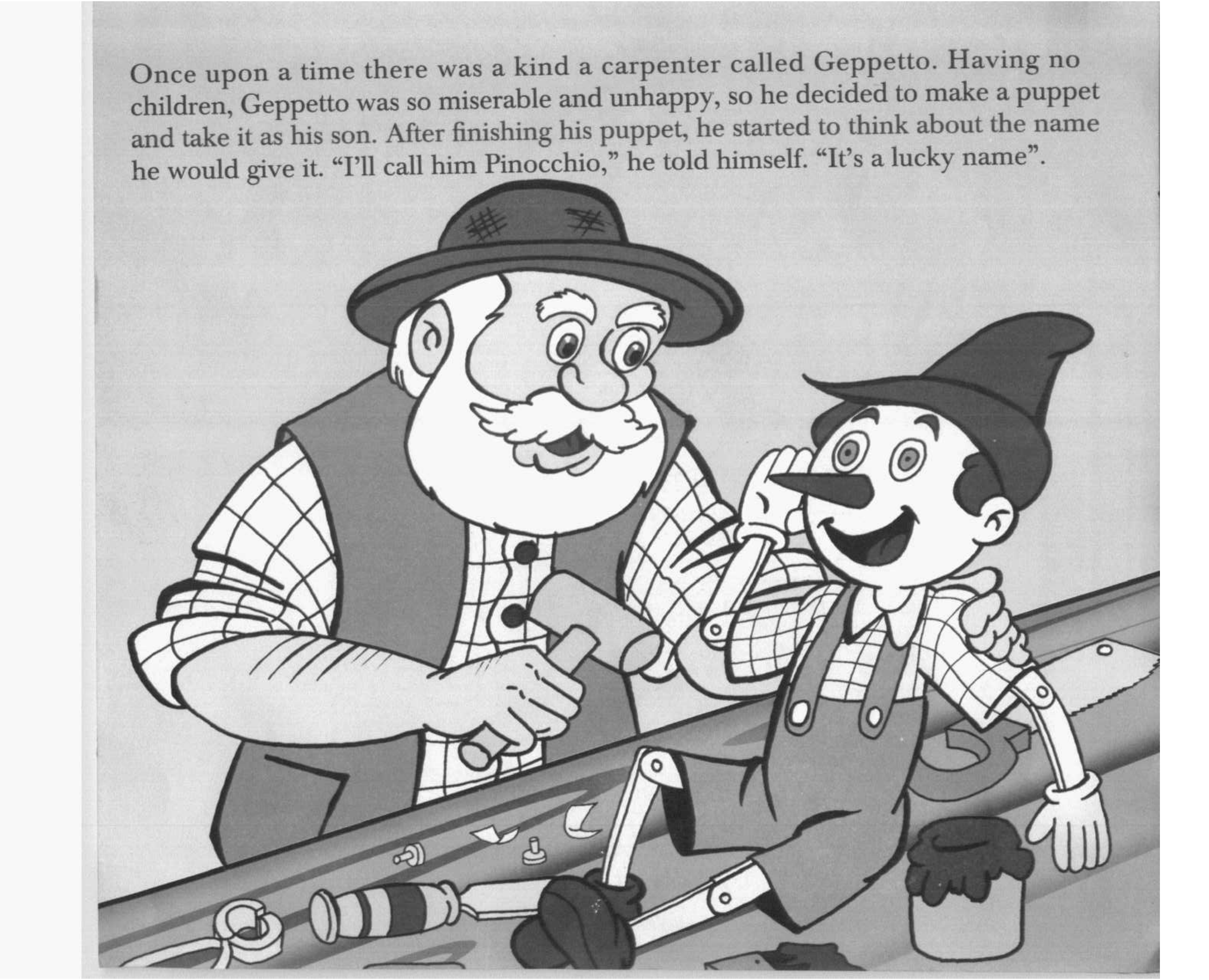


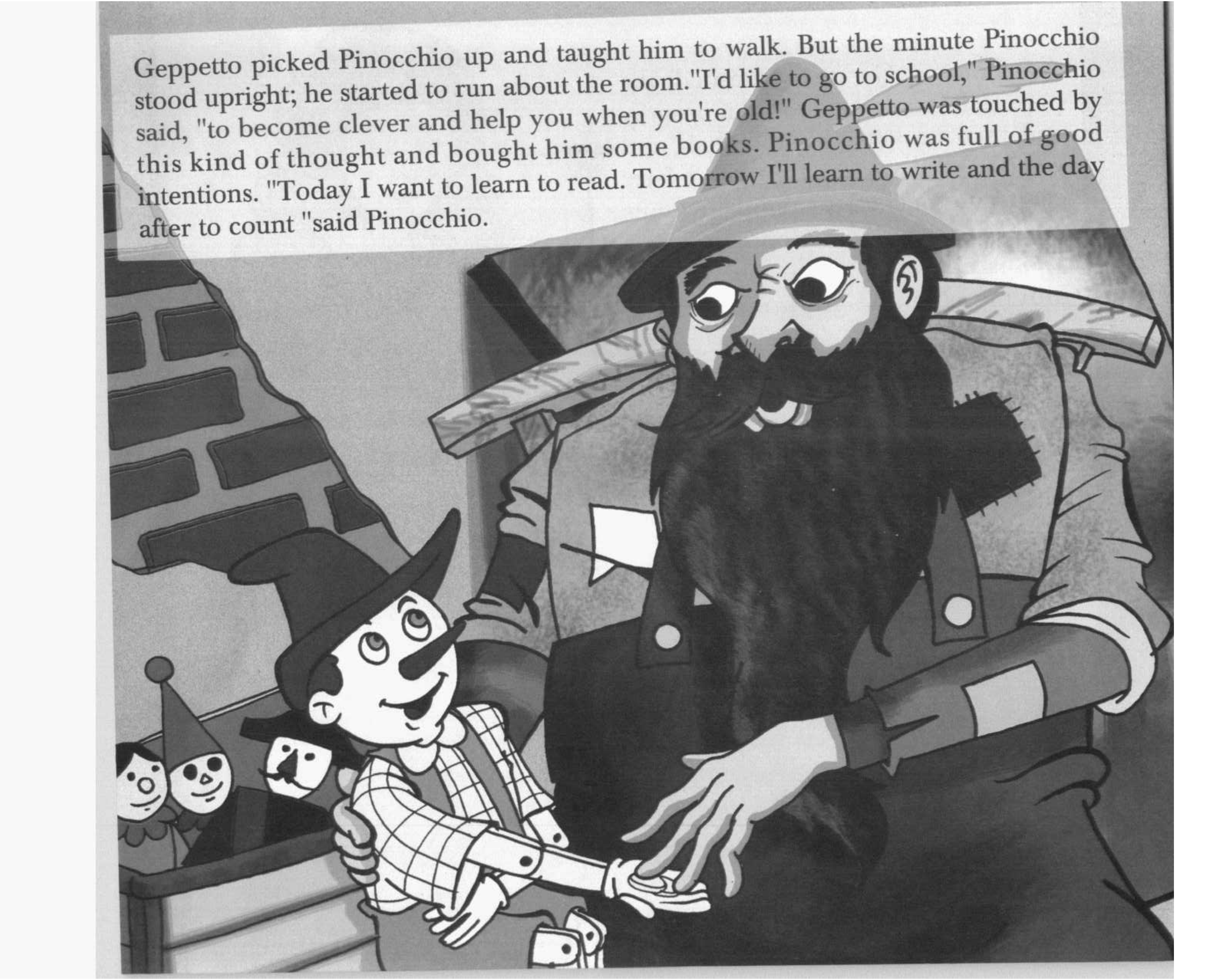
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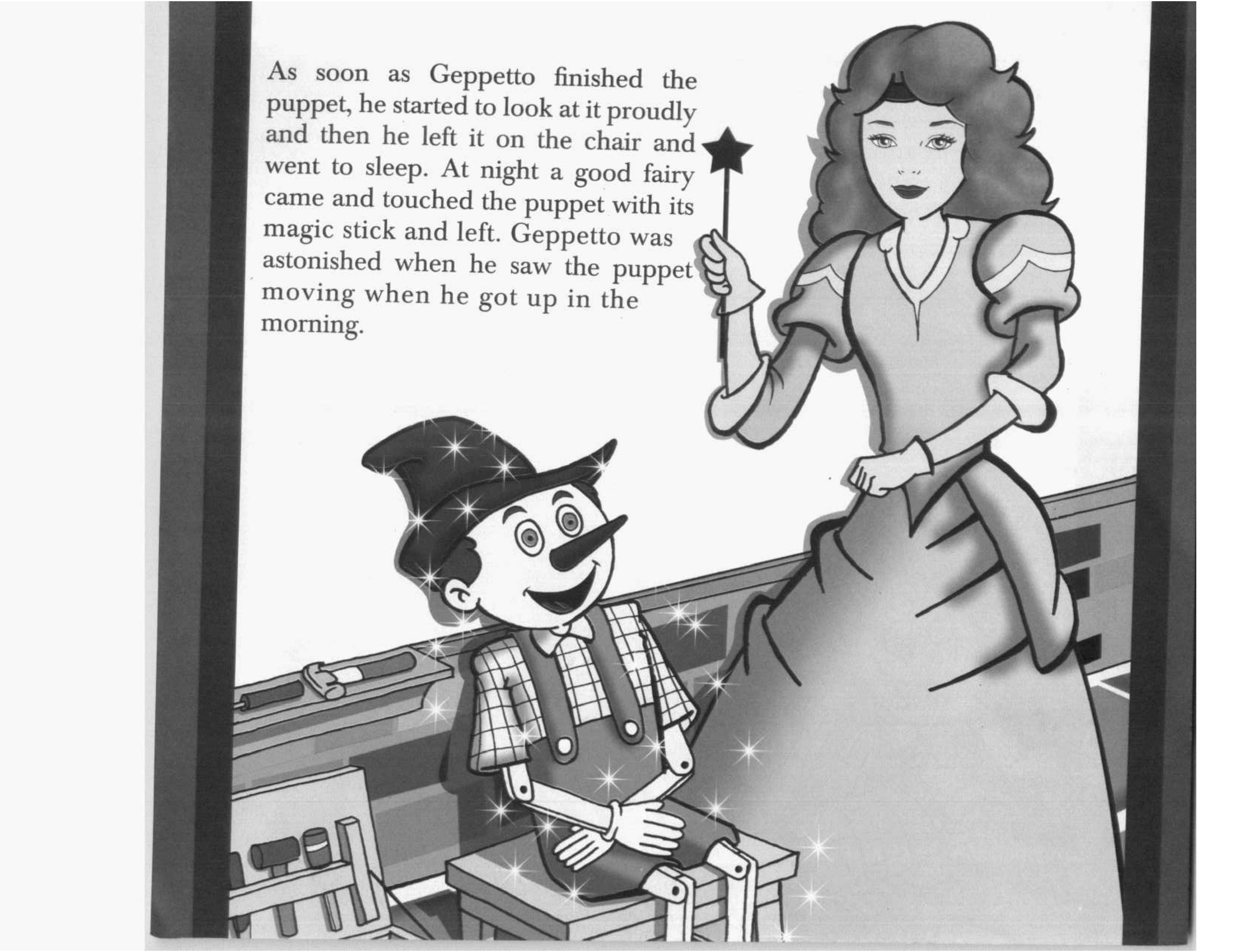
New Horizon

Once upon a time there was a kind a carpenter called Geppetto. Having no children, Geppetto was so miserable and unhappy, so he decided to make a puppet and take it as his son. After finishing his puppet, he started to think about the name he would give it. “I’ll call him Pinocchio,” he told himself. “It’s a lucky name”.

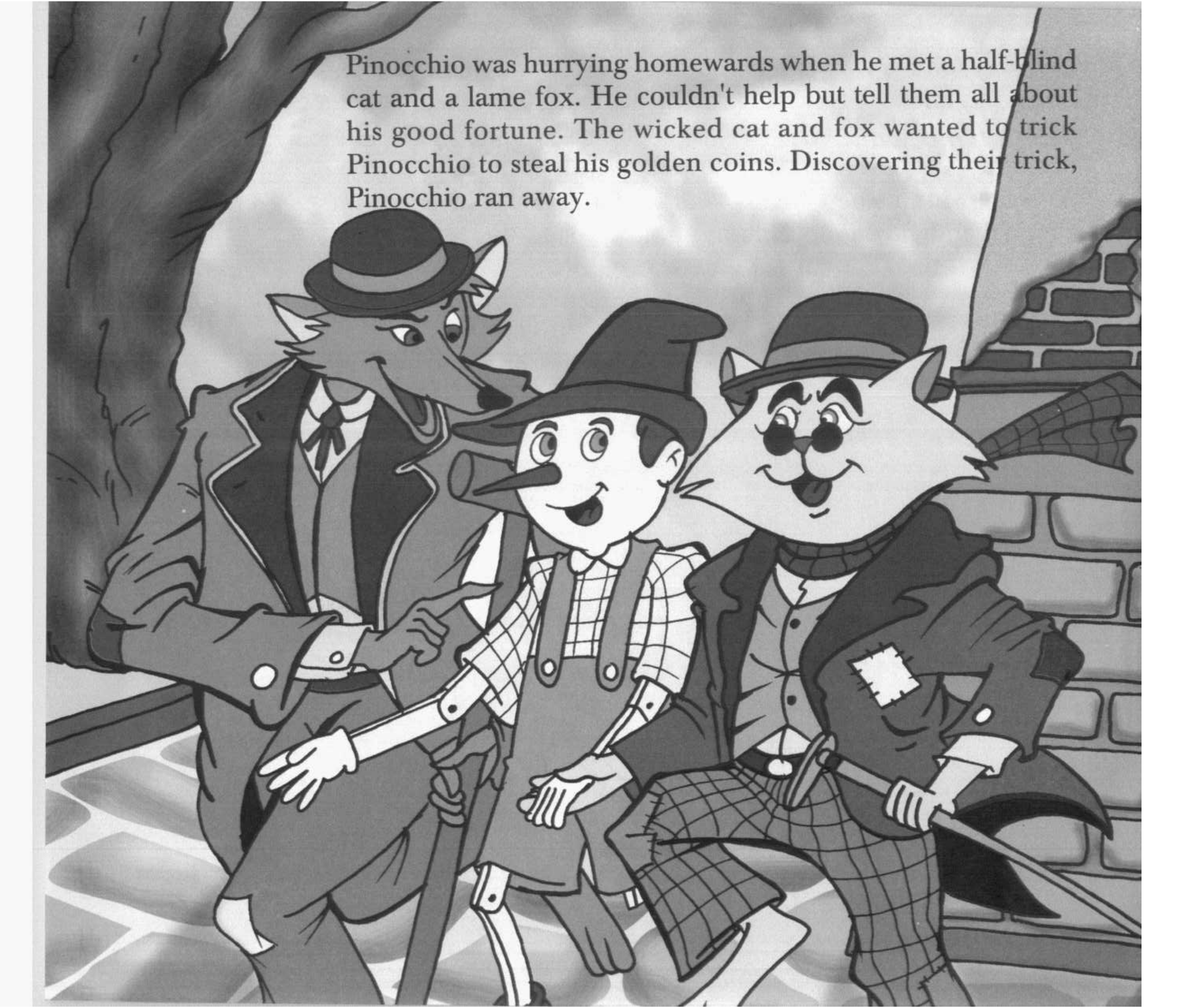




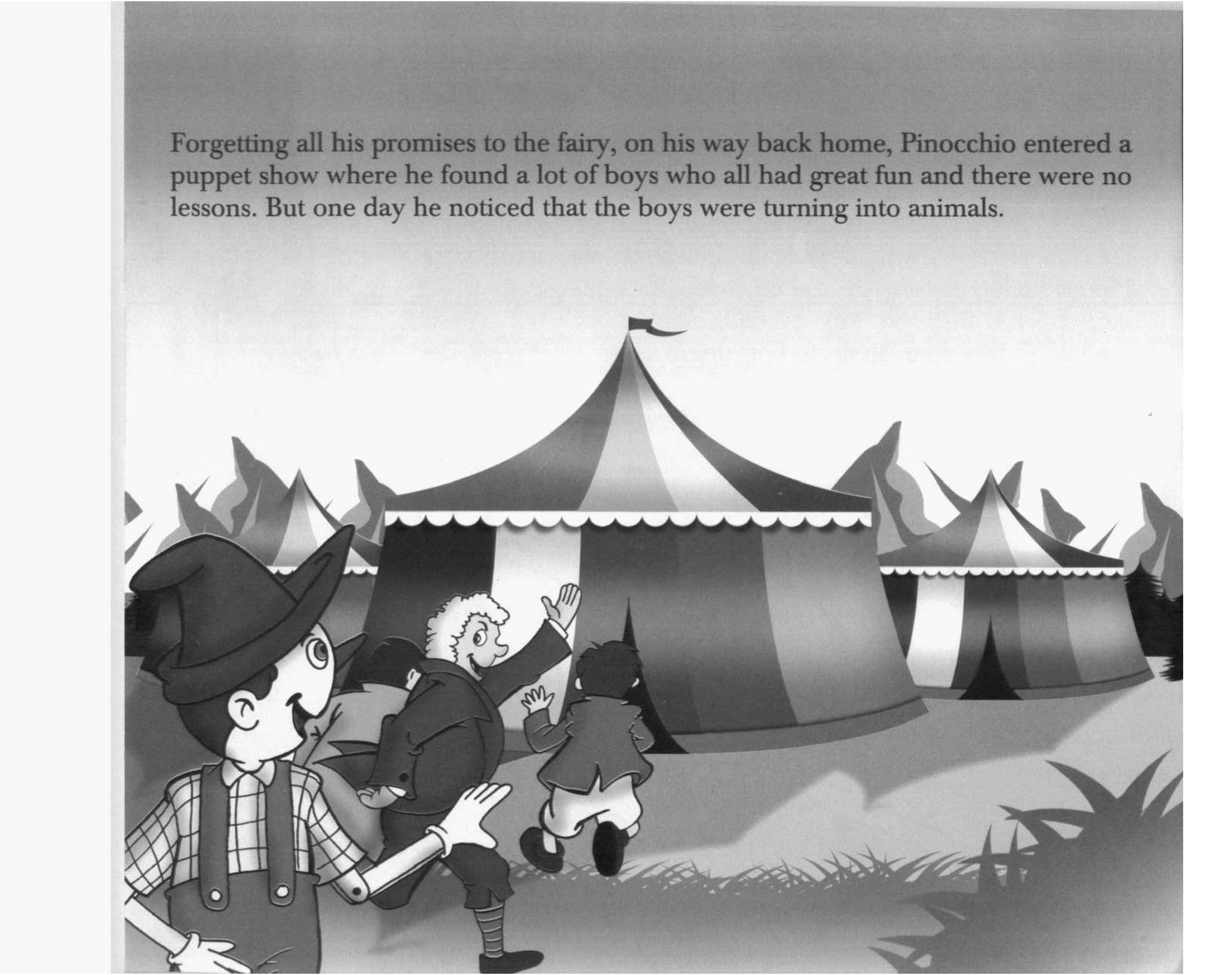
Geppetto picked Pinocchio up and taught him to walk. But the minute Pinocchio stood upright; he started to run about the room."I'd like to go to school," Pinocchio said, "to become clever and help you when you're old!" Geppetto was touched by this kind of thought and bought him some books. Pinocchio was full of good intentions. "Today I want to learn to read. Tomorrow I'll learn to write and the day after to count "said Pinocchio.



As soon as Geppetto finished the puppet, he started to look at it proudly and then he left it on the chair and went to sleep. At night a good fairy came and touched the puppet with its magic stick and left. Geppetto was astonished when he saw the puppet moving when he got up in the morning.

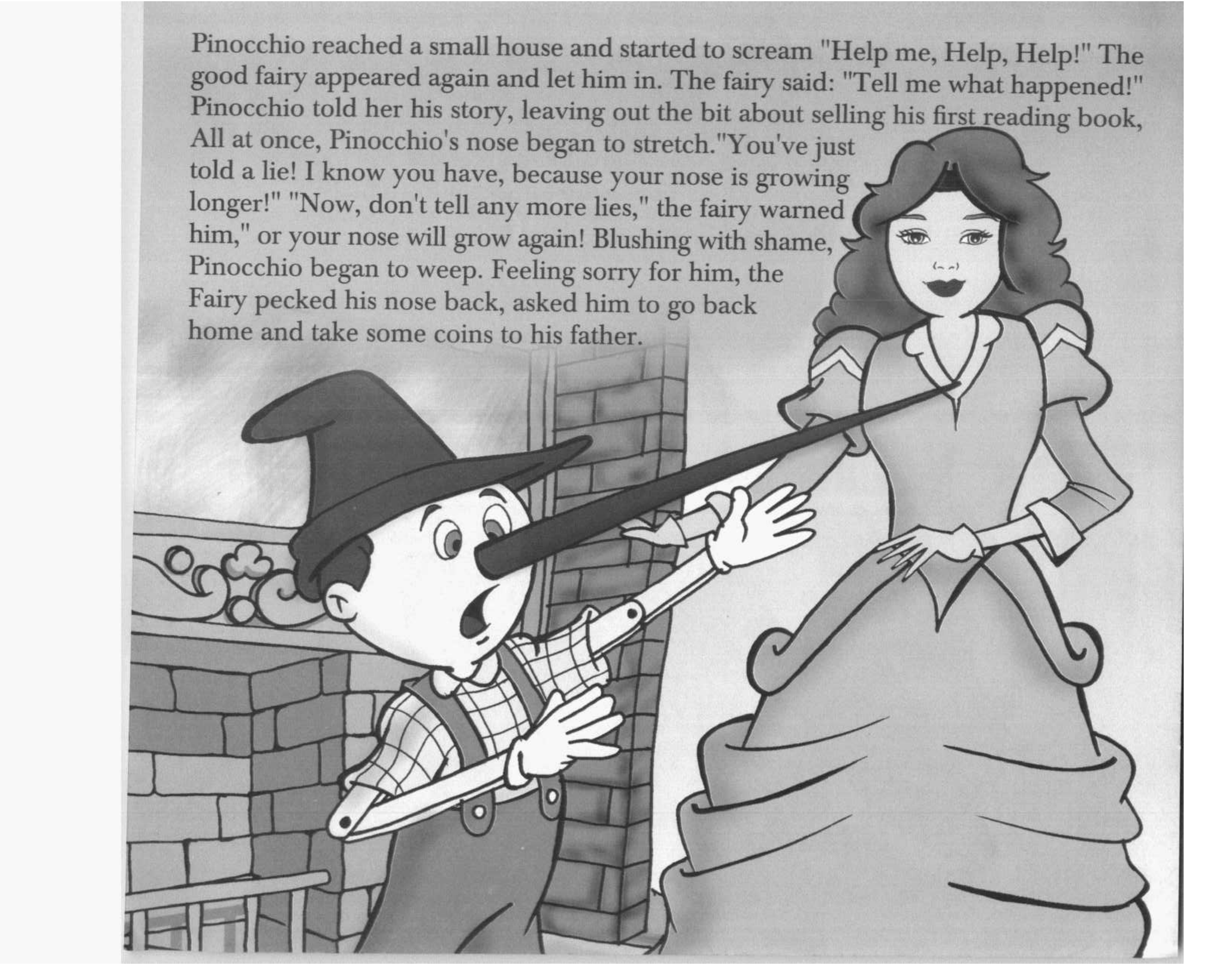

Pinocchio was hurrying homewards when he met a half-blind cat and a lame fox. He couldn't help but tell them all about his good fortune. The wicked cat and fox wanted to trick Pinocchio to steal his golden coins. Discovering their trick, Pinocchio ran away.

One day, on his way to school, Pinocchio saw a puppet show, so he decided to sell one of his books to buy a ticket. Hardly had Pinocchio got inside, when he was seen by one of the puppets on the stage who cried out: "There's Pinocchio! There's Pinocchio!", "Come, along. Come up here with us brother Pinocchio!". Pinocchio went on stage with his new friends and started to act. The spectators were pleased; they clapped and gave Pinocchio five gold coins for his good acting.

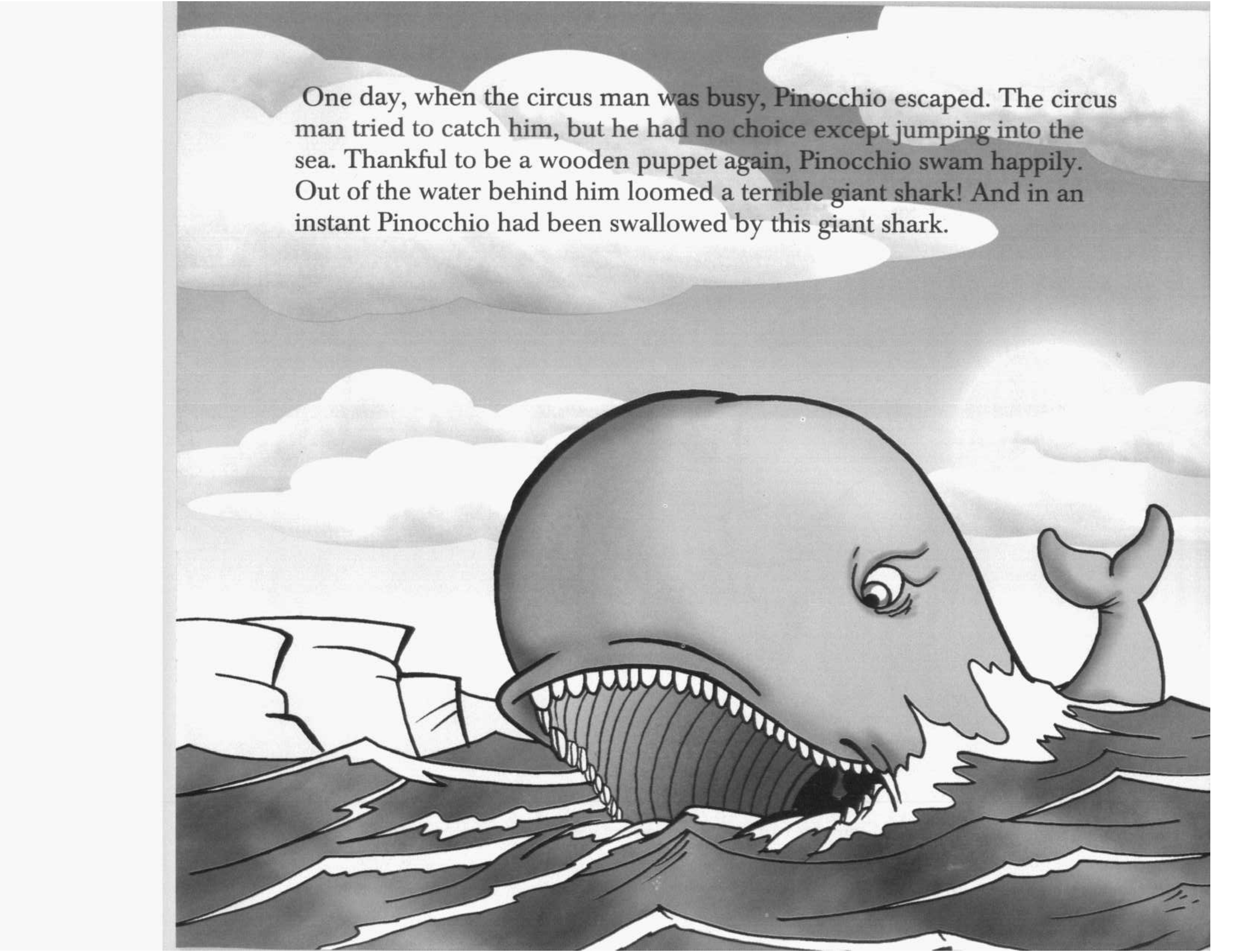


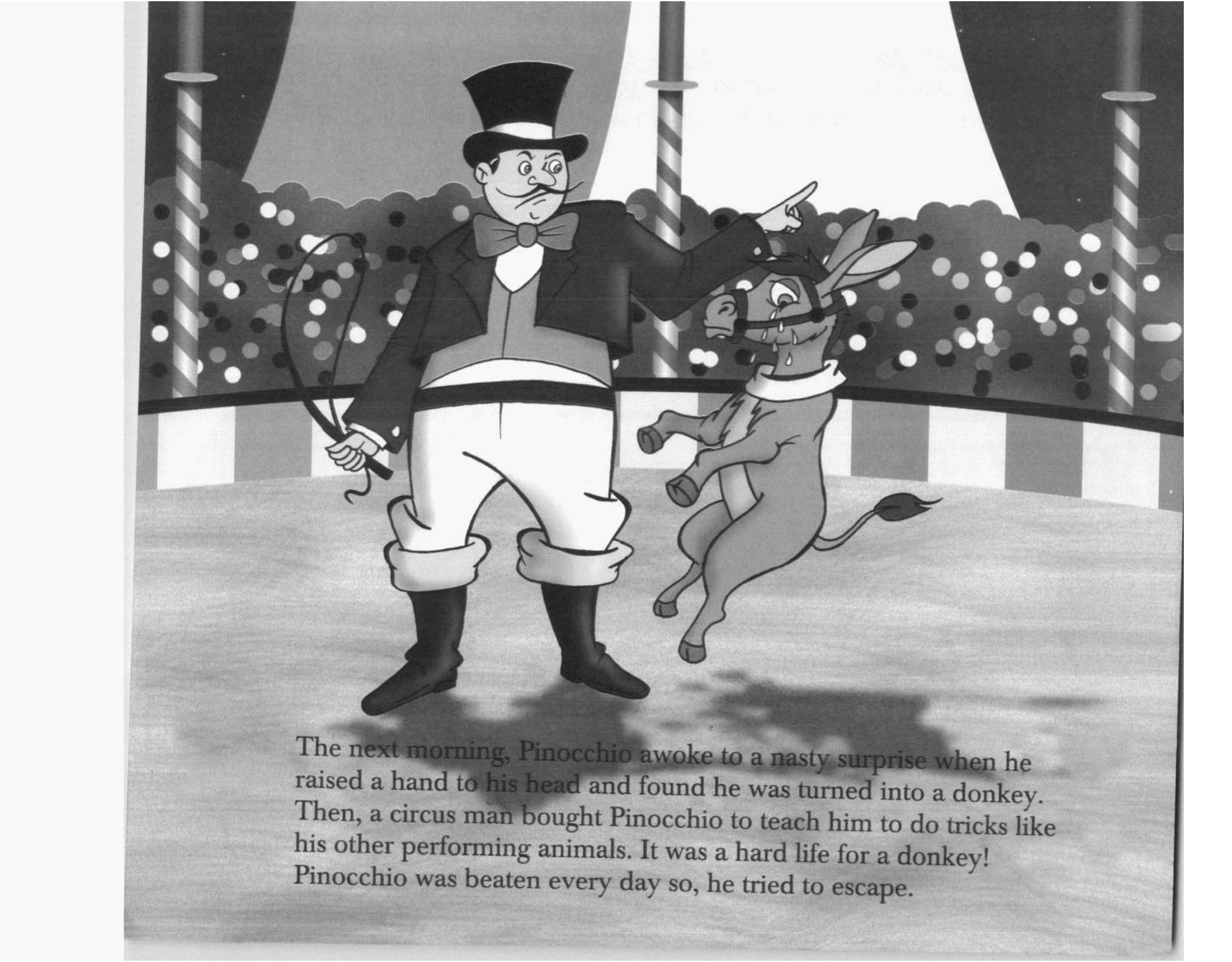
Forgetting all his promises to the fairy, on his way back home, Pinocchio entered a puppet show where he found a lot of boys who all had great fun and there were no lessons. But one day he noticed that the boys were turning into animals.

Pinocchio reached a small house and started to scream "Help me, Help, Help!" The good fairy appeared again and let him in. The fairy said: "Tell me what happened!" Pinocchio told her his story, leaving out the bit about selling his first reading book, All at once, Pinocchio's nose began to stretch."You've just told a lie! I know you have, because your nose is growing longer!" "Now, don't tell any more lies," the fairy warned him," or your nose will grow again! Blushing with shame, Pinocchio began to weep. Feeling sorry for him, the Fairy pecked his nose back, asked him to go back home and take some coins to his father.

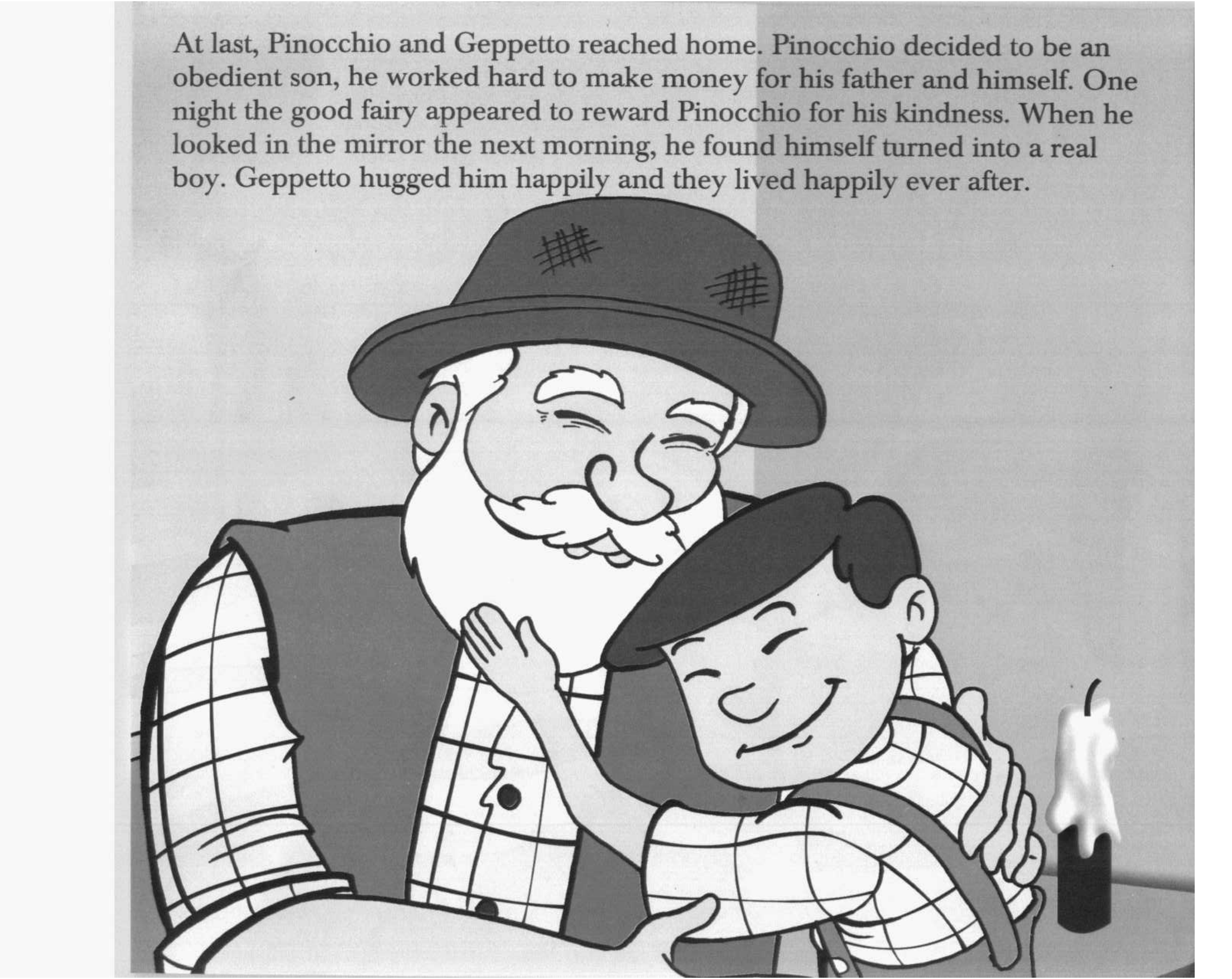


One day, when the circus man was busy, Pinocchio escaped. The circus man tried to catch him, but he had no choice except jumping into the sea. Thankful to be a wooden puppet again, Pinocchio swam happily. Out of the water behind him loomed a terrible giant shark! And in an instant Pinocchio had been swallowed by this giant shark.

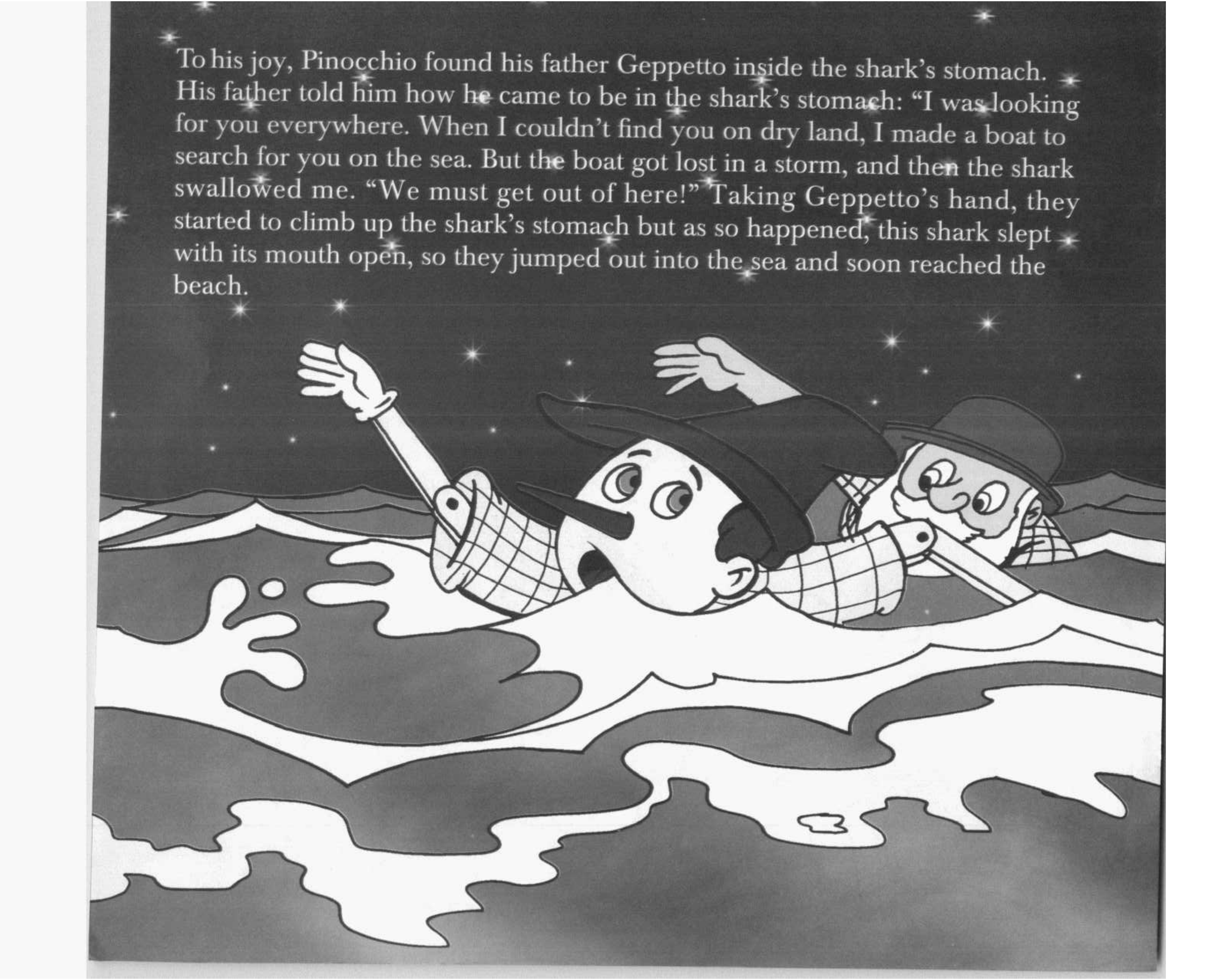




The next morning, Pinocchio awoke to a nasty surprise when he raised a hand to his head and found he was turned into a donkey. Then, a circus man bought Pinocchio to teach him to do tricks like his other performing animals. It was a hard life for a donkey! Pinocchio was beaten every day so, he tried to escape.



At last, Pinocchio and Geppetto reached home. Pinocchio decided to be an obedient son, he worked hard to make money for his father and himself. One night the good fairy appeared to reward Pinocchio for his kindness. When he looked in the mirror the next morning, he found himself turned into a real boy. Geppetto hugged him happily and they lived happily ever after.



To his joy, Pinocchio found his father Geppetto inside the shark's stomach. His father told him how he came to be in the shark's stomach: "I was looking for you everywhere. When I couldn't find you on dry land, I made a boat to search for you on the sea. But the boat got lost in a storm, and then the shark swallowed me. "We must get out of here!" Taking Geppetto's hand, they started to climb up the shark's stomach but as so happened, this shark slept with its mouth open, so they jumped out into the sea and soon reached the beach.